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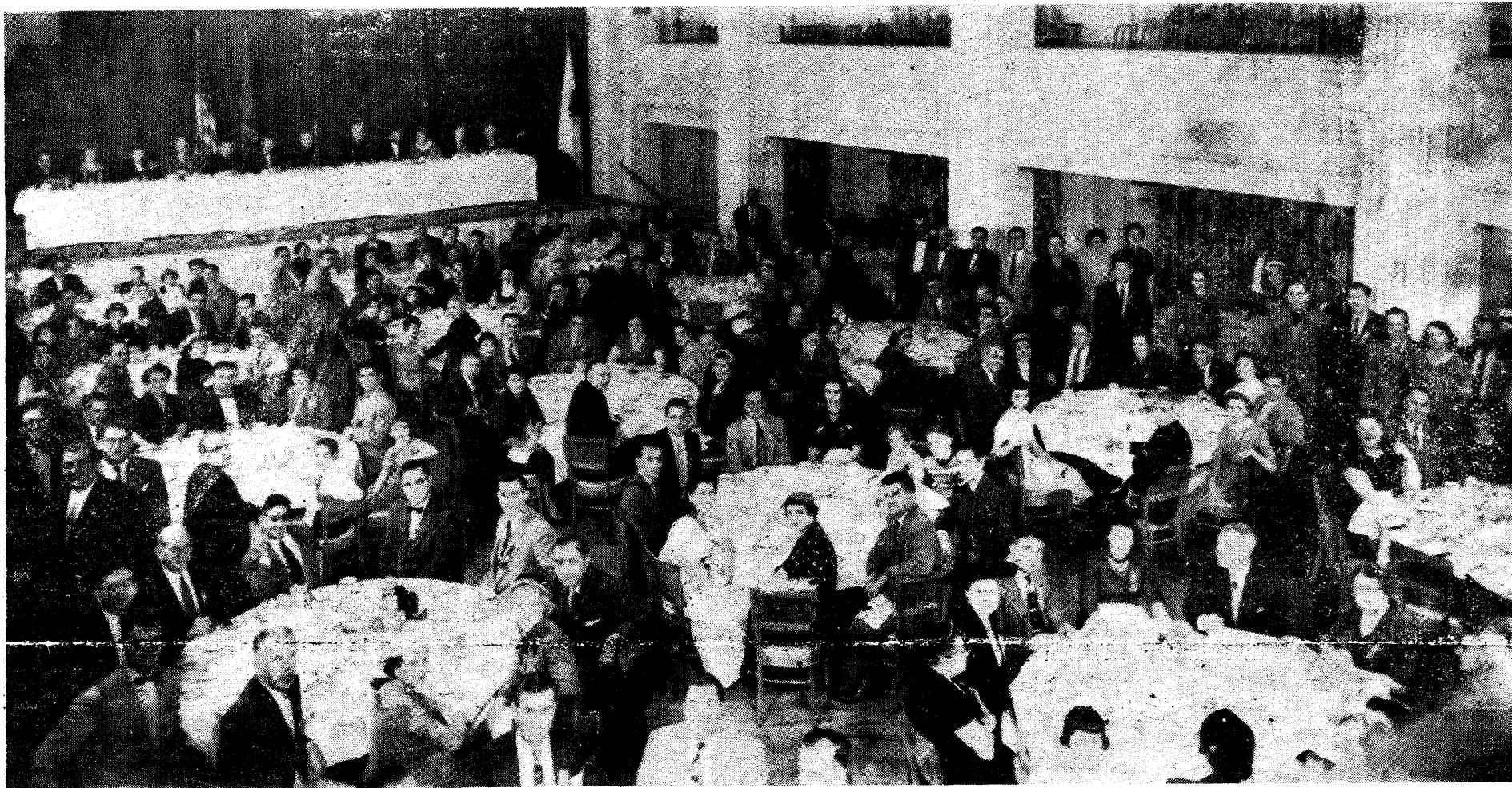
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Worcester Reunion Biggest Turnout



New York Chapter News

by Irv Feinberg

The 39th Infantry Board of Governors would like to hear from Joe Blitz, formerly of D Company. An open invitation has been extended to all former Falcons in the New York area so that they can get together whenever the N.Y. Chapter meets at Gerdes Restaurant on E. 18th St., N.Y. The meeting date is generally the 1st Friday of every month.

COUNCILMAN KENNETH T. GROSSE of Yonkers, New York, formerly of the 9th Division Artillery was assured of two votes by Edythe and Irving Feinberg who recently moved to Yonkers. Billy Shapiro, son of Jerry Shapiro, (47th Infantry) is now in the second grade and we are told is a very enthusiastic reader of the Octofoil.

Michael J. McInerney (Gold Star Father of Sgt. James J. McInerney of I Co. 39th) retired from the New York Post Office after 40 years of Service. Mac by the way is one of the most active boosters of the New York Chapter. Hardly misses an affair or meeting.

Betty and John Rizzo have a change of address. It is now 29 Louisiana Street, Long Beach, L. I. John was with the 47th.

Our boy Bobby Barbagallo is doing real fine these days out in Oceanside, L. I. He is really com-

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1955 Attendance Record Hits New High

November 6th, 1955, proved to be a banner day to all who gathered in Worcester, Massachusetts. Father Connors indeed was a happy man to learn that the dinner attendance was over 375 and that both days brought new records for his Mass and reunion.

For the records here is an interesting analogy, the total attendance at the Worcester reunion was about 45% of the total of the National Conventions. When you stop to consider this important fact, you then begin to see the 9th Div. magnetism that draws the multitude to Worcester. That magnetism can only be expressed by those who actually attend these functions.

Saturday Night

Connors Coffee Shop:

Many people often wonder just what is this, "Connors Coffee Shop"? Those of us who attended this meeting in Connors Coffee Shop are always amazed at the quantity and the quality of food that is served. This is truly indicative of the wonderful spirit that prevails in Worcester, Mass. All the food and service is donated by the congregation of the Immaculate Conception Church. Platters and platters of food containing all types of meats and cheeses, plus sodas, beer and coffee. Mind you, all of this is donated by the congregation for the men, women and children of the 9th Div. Assoc. that gather in Connors Coffee Shop.

Flags and Plaques

The committee who assists Father Connors under Red Byrnes,

worked like beavers to see to it that all who attended were made comfortable and had plenty to eat and drink. They had strung all about the hall the flags and plaques that were made for the 9th Division Association by General George W. Smythe.

Side Lines

Dom De Wolfe of 43 Warren Street, Boston, Mass. (F-39th) had a very interesting experience looking for Connors Coffee Shop. He thought that this was a restaurant and chased all over town looking for it. Finally, after meeting up with Dom Miele, he was informed that Connors Coffee Shop was the meeting place at the church. Dom and his wife Helen finally made their first affair, and from what we were able to learn, both of them had a very grand time. Dom by the way is a policeman up Boston way and has three very fine children, May who is 13, Donna who is 8 and Joseph Jay. "My first boy," Dom told me puffing out his chest.

Mr. and Mrs. Walgren, two gold star guests, had a strange experience that we thought was news worthy. . . It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Walgren, Mr. and Mrs. Days and yours truly were trying to figure out who was the very recognizable face that

was walking about the lobby of the Bancroft Hotel. Being the inquisitive type, curiosity finally got the best of them and by checking all the newspapers they learned that this person was none other than Aldo Ray. . . Incidentally, Mrs. Walgren thinks we forgot this episode, but we didn't.

John Rizzio is very very anxious to contact John Freibel of Roan Mountain, Tenn., this is the last known address John has. . . Anyone that can help locate Freibel contact this office.

We found a new potential candidate for our group, he is Chas. F. Jensen of 129 Marvin Ave., Uniondale, L. I. Charles was with A Company of the 47th Infantry.

Zigmond Barszewski of 11 Princeton Ave., East Hampton, Mass., formerly of the 60th F.A. tells us that he is now a Franchise Bottler for Frosty. . . Frosty is made by the Sno-Cap people. Any lads who need a good soft drink contact Ziggy. We were told that Ziggy and his wife Regina have two swell youngsters, Daniel who is 9 and Raymond who is 4½.

Kenneth Howe Sr., (Sv. Battery 84th F.A.) and his wife Winifred are now living in Palmer, Mass. and their Post Office Box

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Service Battery 26 F. A.

by Joe McKenzie

Joe McKenzie sent us a note too late to make the October issue of the Octofoil but we are pleased to reprint the information for the November issue.

Ten years ago we separated after serving 26th FA Bn faithfully for more than three years. Ten years is a long time, but because of our close association in the army it seems as though it was a short time ago we said goodbye.

During the past years we have remembered each other in some way, a Christmas card, a post card while on vacation, by letter or a cheery "Hello" from some of the old gang who live nearby.

This year as in the past ten years many from Service Battery, will remember their friends in their prayers when they attend the

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1955 at 10 A. M. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

After we remember those of us who have gone as well as those who are now carrying on, we shall meet at the Hotel Bancroft for CHOW and CHATTER beginning at 12 noon. If you plan to attend, send your dinner reservation to

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We Made It

Ten years ago, when the war in Europe was over and one of the best fighting units ever developed was about to be broken up by demobilization, a few far-sighted men conceived an idea, developed it, and then proceeded to sell it. Their idea was the Ninth Infantry Division Association — and 9000 men bought it. 9000 men, about to return to civilian life, paid \$10.00 each to join their own organization dedicated to "perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an ever-lasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

Now, a decade later, the Ninth Infantry Div. Assoc. is alive and healthy. We made it over the toughest part of the road and our future success is assured.

True, our membership has dwindled from 9000 in 1945 to 1487 in 1955 — and our net worth has been reduced to about \$35,000 — but consider this: In 1955, on the Tenth Anniversary of its birth, the Ninth Infantry Division Association has 1487 paid up members, 13 of whom are life members, and another 248 who are three-year members; a capital investment of slightly less than \$28,000 in 1952 is now worth over \$35,000 on the present market; and, close though it may be, the association is operating on a current basis without disturbing the invested funds. While others have fallen we have succeeded, and we have every right to be proud of that success.

Let us remember, however, that our success has not come from chance. Those few far-sighted men of 1945 were the first, then there were others who joined them, but there have always been workers who sacrificed time and effort for a cause they believed in for no gain other than personal satisfaction. These men have been important because they have set the course and guided the destiny of the Association. No less important are those men who have paid their dues year after year, talked up the Association to their buddies, and attended local chapter meetings and annual reunions when able to do so.

We are now approaching the end of 1955 and the start of the second decade of our Association. Each and every one can perform a valuable service and confirm his faith and belief in the organization and its principles by promptly paying his 1956 dues, taking an active part in local chapter work, and working to bring in new members.

Everett W. Linscott

New England News

by Vic Campisi

11th Memorial Mass and Reunion Sets Attendance Record

A capacity throng estimated at close to 500 persons attended the 11th Annual Memorial Mass and Reunion Sunday, November 6, at Worcester, Mass.

Sponsored by Father Connors

The commemorative event, a magnetic attraction for 9th Division combat veterans and their families of all faiths from all over the nation, has been sponsored for 11 consecutive years by Rev. Edward T. "Coffee Shop" Connors, a former Division chaplain.

Special Chalice Used

The memorial Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, Worcester, Mass., by Rev. Connors who used a special communion chalice dedicated to our fallen heroes of the 9th Division and which was presented to him several years ago by a local group of faithful attendants. This chalice is used but once a year at the annual Memorial Mass.

Following the mass, a reunion dinner was enjoyed by loyal 9th Divisioners at Hotel Bancroft.

Event Becoming Family Affair

As facetiously pointed out by one of Father Connors' guest clerical speakers, the 9th Divisioners attending the annual affair are a year older, a little fatter, a little bolder, a little lazier.

In a more serious vein, it also was noted that more and more men were bringing their wives and children making the event more of a family affair than ever before.

Another pleasant observation noted was the fact that increasing numbers are making the annual memorial mass a two-day affair. Many 9th Divisioners came early Saturday morning, making Hotel Bancroft their Division CP for the day.

Connors Coffee Shop

But in the evening, all roads led to "Connors' Coffee Shop" in the basement of the church where they participated in an informal reunion featuring free "Connors' Nicotineless Coffee," sandwiches, cakes, and "what'll you have."

Also featured were movies of past memorial masses and get-togethers.

ENTHUSIASTIC COMMENTS

Comments overheard by your reporter revealed tremendous enthusiasm generated by Father Connors' annual memorial mass and reunion.

One newcomer making his first appearance at the commemorative event said he previously had no idea how much he had been missing and that he would "never miss another memorial mass."

Another newcomer apologized for having left his family at home and promised that "Hereafter, my family comes with me so that they too can share the privilege, joy, and camaraderie of participating in a spiritual tribute to our Division dead."

And an oldtimer, Tom Boyle, Secretary of the N. E. Chapter, who hasn't had a miss in 11 years, expressed a sentiment which your reporter feels sure is shared by all loyal 9th Divisioners. He said, "We certainly are very fortunate in having in this area of the country a man such as Father Connors. Without him, this affair would not be possible."

All Faiths United

Perhaps the greatest tribute paid to Father Connors and to the spiritual principle of the memorial mass is that 9th Division combat veterans of all faiths unite under one roof to petition the Lord on behalf of our less fortunate brothers-in-arms who did not return.

The various faiths take different roads, but they all lead to the one, true God.

1956 Memorial Mass On November 11

Next year, Veterans Day (formerly known as Armistice Day) falls on Sunday, November 11. This happy circumstance should lend itself to making the 1956 12th annual memorial mass and reunion the greatest success ever from a numerical standpoint.

So start making plans now to attend the 12th annual memorial mass and reunion November 11, 1956, at Worcester, Mass. And for those of you who can make it a two-day affair, remember, Connors' Coffee Shop will be open Saturday night, November 10. See you there.

Odds and Ends

Board of Governors Meeting:-- The national board of governors had a lengthy meeting after the reunion dinner during which considerable business of an important nature was transacted. The meeting was forced to adjourn at 5 p.m. so that various board members could make transportation connections for the long trek home. John Sabato from Philly, Ted "Shirts" Matusick from Chicago, and Pres. Ev Linscott from Atlanta, Ga., were faced with the longest trips. Linscott went to Boston with his former neighbors, Matty Mullholland and wife, before returning to Ga., Ted Matusick got a lift to the Boston airport with Fred D'Amore, treasurer of the N. E. Chapter.

Kens Steak House: -- Your reporter and wife dropped in at Kens Steak House, Framingham, Mass., Sunday night, after the memorial mass and reunion and was surprised by the hostess who, seeing the 9th Div. lapel ribbon, commented, "What's going on around here, a convention? I've been seeing these 9th Division ribbons here all day." Moral of the story is get your 9th Division lapel pins, stickers, decals and car plates and use them. Helps to publicize the 9th and will bring in more members. Write to Stanley Cohen, national secretary-treasurer, to get them.

Local News

Bender Released from Hospital: -- George Bender is now at home after being hospitalized for several months in a local VA hospital. His legion of friends all wish him well and pray for a complete and permanent convalescence.

Congratulations Dept: -- Hats off to the N. Y. and Pittsburgh Chapters. New York deserves a nod of recognition for being such a live wire outfit with many activities under the dynamic leadership of its president, Charles Fabre. Mike Bish and his Pittsburgh Chapter are to be congratulated for reactivating that unit. Keep

up the good work, fellas.

Confucius Says: -- Blessed is he who goes around in circles, for he shall be known as a wheel.

Crystal Ball Dept: -- (Or -- The Stars Tell but Not Compel.) Atlanta, Ga. will soon have an active chapter. With national president E. Linscott living in that area, it's inevitable he won't rest until Atlanta joins the 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. family.

1956 Dues: -- N. E. Chapter members are urged to send in their 1956 dues in the amount of \$4.00 to Sec. Tom Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass. Tom will see to it that the dues are transmitted to Treasurer Fred D'Amore who will send you a 1956 membership card.

Next meeting Monday, Nov. 28: Next monthly meeting of the N. E. Chapter, 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. will be held at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at the YD Club, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass. How about seeing some new faces? Remember, this is your organization. If you have some ideas you'd like adopted or some activities you want the Chapter to sponsor, voice them at the next meeting.

Meeting Night Survey: -- A survey is being taken to determine what night N. E. Chapter members prefer for meeting. Drop a penny postcard to Sec. Tom Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., and let him know your preference.

Currently, the N. E. Chapter meets on the last Monday of every month at the Yankee Division (YD) Club, Boston, except on those occasions when the exigencies of the situation are such as to warrant a change.

Postcards notifying members of the place and date of meetings are mailed monthly. If you are not receiving yours, contact Sec. Boyle, furnish him your correct address, and ask to be placed on the mailing list.

Veterans Questions

And Answers

Address all queries to Victor A. Campisi, Editor, Sound-Off, 10 Lesley Ave., Somerville 44, Mass.

Q -- I re-enlisted in the Army last December and this year I've been receiving 1955 poll tax bills. Am I required to pay? J.K.M., Springfield, Mass.

A -- No. Under clause 17b, Section 5, Chapter 59 of the General Laws of Mass., inhabitants of Mass., are exempt from payment of the poll tax during period of their service in the armed forces. Suggest you write your board of assessors and inform them of your re-enlistment so that they can take appropriate action.

Q -- Having a large family of my own, I find it increasingly difficult to support my Gold Star Mother. I am not a veteran, but my only brother was killed with the 9th Division overseas. Is there some type of pension or financial aid available for my mother? W.W.S., Brockton, Mass.

A -- Yes. If your deceased brother was your mother's principal means of support, chances are that she is entitled to a VA check of about \$75.00 monthly. This grant is retroactive to the date of the approved application and not to the date of death. Contact your closest VA representative at once for further information and application blanks.

Auf Wiedersehen

MAIL BAG

George Stegner of 132 Old Mill Road, Merrick, N.Y.; sent us the following note. 'Now that the reunion hang over is wearing off, I thought I would drop you a line to let you know that we all had a swell time at Philly. By we, I mean Higgins, Tees, Uhl, Rine and myself all members of D Company of the 39th. I guess the hangover washed off because we are all planning for Chicago. George is trying to secure names of men of the 39th who will gather with him in Chicago. We realize that with snow on the ground the Chicago reunion seems very far away. But, time flies and before you know it summer will be here. All of those men of D Company who are interested, why not contact George. Pat J. Morano of 429 Commodore, Collingwood, N.J. tells us that he has just moved out of the New York area and informs us that the New York Chapter letters and the Octofoil are his only contact. Pat also talks about the proposed N. Y. Chapter building fund and feels sure that the New York lads will do a good job promoting this project.

Ted C. Wisnieninski of 366 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers tells us: I enjoy reading the Octofoil but I wish some of my old buddies would make up and write a few lines especially those lads from Company K of the 39th. Ted was just recently elected Commander of the St. Casimirs' Post C.W.V. No. 383 of Yonkers New York.

Wilton C. Taylor of Stop 6, Star Route Lost Hills, Calif. writes us: Just had a note from Sgt. 1st Class Richard L. Kenkennon and family from the E.T.O. Dick is with Co. B of the 35th Eng. C. Bn A.P.O. 189. He is an ex. Co. M 47th man and would like to be remembered to his friends. Dick by the way is now the proud poppa of a fine baby girl. Dick and his wife Louise have two other girls that make up their fine family. Wilton tells us that he just read about Mount Etna Sicily erupting again and mentions the ice that the Sicilians have been using, since the days of the Roman Empire, is the true beginning of air-conditioning. Wilton has fond memories of the Sicilians who gave him water and almonds and grapes plus many other fresh fruits and vegetables.

Western Pennsylvania Chapter

"We are doing our best to get this chapter together and it takes a lot of doing, but, stick with it we will. The last meeting we held in McKeesport, the boys decided to change the name of the chapter. It will be known as the Western Pennsylvania Chapter. It seems that the boys want it that way, so that way it will be.

Charles Fabre and his wife were here and the wife and I went over to see them. They were staying at Mike Bish's place. Incidentally, Mike won \$500.00 on a football pool a few weeks ago. The football pool was run by one of our local papers. Nice going Mike, may you win many more.

We went over to see W. J. Hilton and he gave us some local addresses to work on in our area. The Hiltons have three lovely children and a nice home. Hilton intends to attend the Chapter meetings and become an active member. We have a new meeting place which the fellows enjoy. Wolf's Tavern, at 315 10th Ave. in McKeesport, Pa. This tavern

Today's Army

For many months we have been on the active list of the 9th Division News that is published for and by the men of the 9th Division in Germany. We can safely say that although we may take editorial privileges, we are only looking at the lighter side of Army life. For example: A headline: Seven Girls Selected for Cheerleaders in the 60th Infantry. These young women were selected to cheer the Go-Devils' football team on.

But, what about other headlines. . . For example "Raiders Show Combat Readiness in Assault Firing Demonstration" or: Falcons Indoctrinated in Cold Weather Facts or 209 Go-Devils Attend Special Classes.

This is Army life that is real and actual. This is your Army, your heritage, being trained to play the game correctly and efficiently. This is Today's Army.

New York Chapter Dance

The noise was terrific, the dancing 'out of this world, but the New York gang enjoyed its first social function. Enjoyed is not the word for it, we could be more explicit if we said, they really raised the roof off of the Chamber of Commerce building in Long Island City.

Here for example are just a few of the lads and lassies that attended:

Frank and Doris Surm, Joe Ianotti, Max Umansky, John (Trigger) Morris and his wife, Ludwig Mazur, Joe Guardino, Peter Pirrazzo, George and Paula Bake, John and Betty Rizzo, Tony and Agnus Ricco, Mr. and Mrs. McInerny, Dan and Marie Quinn, Henry Ross, Fred Orzerbawski, Paul Moznick, Eddie Zilinski, Frank Bialous, Vincent J. D'Amico, Angela Pansakino, Rose Pansakino, Daniel Panzarino, Ann and Phil Fazio, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Krogbin, Pat Marona and Ann Mathews, George and Rose Apar, F. C. Liess, E. Whitlock, M. Richmond, J. Tucci, E. Biccella, George Mussle, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rumore, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stein, Frank Stein, Patsy Catrano, Milton and Ruth Wind, Walter and Heather Wasserman, Charles and Hazel Fabre, Stan and Hedda Cohen, Al and Pat Bruchac, Fred and Mrs. Golub, Mr. and Mrs. Monsano, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Foley, Al and Mrs. Niblock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Libretto, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Siegel, Dom Miele, Jim Bruno, Harry Orenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Guglielmo, Getsy Shiff, and probably many more that escaped notice of your reporter.

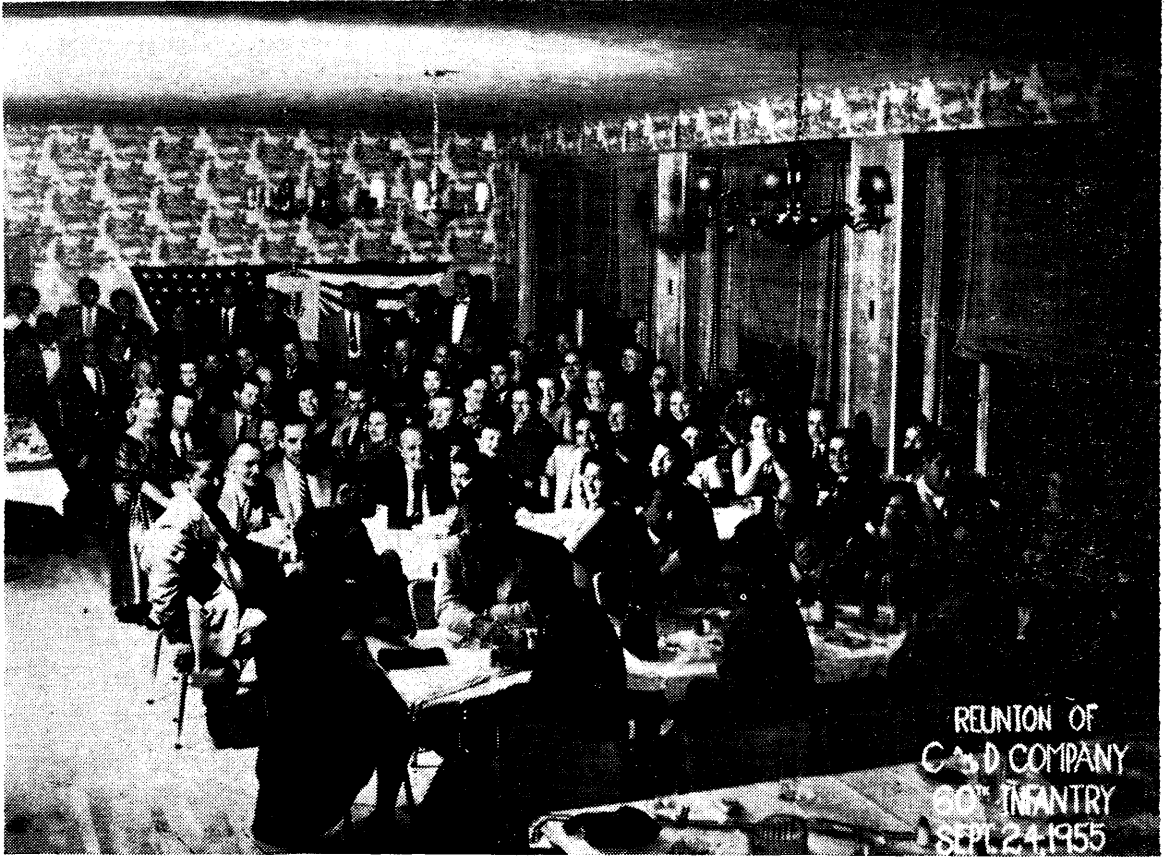
Prizes were awarded and Charlie Libretto won a box of spirits which was full when brought to the table, but according to his charming wife was not when they opened it up the following morning. (Editors Note: We were sitting at the table, and we don't know exactly what happened!!!)

The only comment that can be successfully defended is. . . 'Wow! What a Dance. . .

happens to belong to Paul Wolf who was in the 39th. We intend to sign up some of the boys for '56 at the next meeting.

If any of you men in the Western Pennsylvania area can make the meetings and want some information then write to: William Palady, 322 31st Street, McKeesport, Penn.; or call Orchard 8-4051.

Company C&D 60th Infantry Reunion



The above photo was taken of about 78 people who recently attended a C and D Company 60th Infantry Reunion. The following people are the backbones for C Co., Frank and Doris Surm, Harry and Clem Haberman, Liz and Joe Ianutti. For D Company: Johnny Morris and Doris and Frank Surm.

This affair was held on September 24th, 1955 at Willis Restaurant in Wantagh, Long Island. The reason for Willis Restaurant is quite obvious when

you stop to check into the locale of most of the attending members. Of the group that attended over 50% live in Long Island. The following are a few who attended this function:

John and Agnes Ferris and his sister from Philadelphia, John Levosone, Hanwacker, The Vontoins, Joe Schirman, Denny Coffee; The Campellis, The Henrys, The Matusis, McNamys, McCutchek, The Henricks, Cowalskys, Leewandondowskis, The Hughes,

Guordinos, McKennas, The Hills, The Shaperios, The Rubensteins, The P'Orjos, Wana-nis, Accera and the Mayers, and Pat and Al Bruchac.

Frank Surm, chairman of this outfit, would like to have some more names of men who were in either one of these companies. Contact Frank through your National Headquarters, and he will do the rest.

This is a growing get-together and they would all like to see it grow even larger.

Pushing Back the Years

You probably don't remember September 16, 1944. . . If you don't this is what happened on that day.

This week in 1944 became an important chapter in the history of the Old Reliables. Driving out of their bridgehead on the Meuse River, the regiments of the Ninth raced for the German border. The rapidly withdrawing Germans were heading for the safety of the vaunted Siegfried Line where the Wehrmacht high command was frantically preparing for a last ditch stand. CT 47 and elements of the 3d Armored Division captured the key city of Liege, Belgium and with it copies of the German defensive plans for the Siegfried Line, as the other regiments closed in on the border.

On September 11th and 12th, the last German forces were withdrawn so rapidly that contact was lost all along the line, and the Old Reliables moved up into position for the assault into Germany itself.

During the next three days, each regiment carved its own little niche in the annals of history, each adding another first to the laurels of the fighting Ninth. First it was the Fighting Falcons of the 39th. Sweeping forward on the morning of the 13th, they captured the town of Roetgen, the first German town to fall in World War II. Against little opposition, but slowed by felled trees, craters, booby traps, and mines, the men of the 39th continued their advance, leading the Ninth Division into Germany. Then on the 14th, it was the Raiders turn. Slugging past dragons teeth and pillbox, they became the first American unit to break through the outer defenses of the vaunted West Wall, the Siegfried Line.

On the 15th and 16th of September the Ninth continued its push into the Huertgen Forest, with the 60th adding its first by becoming the first allied unit to cross the Roer River, the river whose dams were to play such an important role in the drive to the Rhine. The struggle was becoming much more difficult now. Winter was approaching and the enemy was fighting desperately to keep the tide of the Allied might from spilling out into Germany.

The first week of October—1944

October, rainy weather and a concerted First Army drive against both the Roer and dams and the ancient Holy Roman Empire capital of Aachen were at hand. Mud mired down jeeps and the weary legs of man on the line; keeping comfortable and dry became a problem.

October found the Division holding a line from the road junction town of Mausbach, northeast to battered Schvenhuetten, thence south through the forests east of Roetgen and Lammersdorf and continuing to the region of Monschau. The 47th was to the north, the 39th in the center, and the 60th south.

On 2 October, elements of the 4th Cavalry group began to relieve the regiments on line and nightfall of the 4th found both the 39th and 60th CT's positioned in their new areas and waiting for the order to attack.

Initial objective were Garmeter and Vossenack, with a southward drive over the high ground beyond the Garmeter-Huertgen road. The VII Corps goal was the seizure and control of the Roer Dams, a mission which had to precede any successful drive east for the First Army—since the

enemy controlled the flood gates of the Roer river by holding their dams.

The terrain was deadly, the enemy ruthless. Dense forests with little or no fields of fire, occupied by Germans in hidden pillboxes protected by fields of non-metallic mines. In this area no one could travel alone, guns were ready 24 hours a day. During the month of October the Division was to suffer 30% killed and wounded while the 60th Infantry in two months had almost a 100% turnover.

Then, at 1130 am on October 6th, the attack was on. Preceded by fighter bombers and a heavy artillery preparation, the infantry moved out. As the week ran out, the Division was slowly slogging through the mud and woods, winning yards but losing lives. The road running south of Garmeter was secure on the 7th, but the town would not fall.

Illinois Chapter

The Illinois Chapter has elected a new slate of officers for 1956. They are: Robert Winkelman of 734 Glencoe Road, Palatine, Ill., President; 1st Vice President Ed Coyle of Lansing, Ill.; Secretary Ted Matusik of Chicago, Ill.; and Roger Elmer, Treasurer.

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New York Chapter Report

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ing on with the Taxi business. When ever you see a cab marked "Roberts Taxi" hail it, for this is our boy.

At our last New York dance we had some visitors from Bournemouth, England. They were guests of the Wassermans. Jack and Doris Griffen. Brother, did they bring back some old memories.

Max Monson had a birthday on October 30, 1955. Of course we did not ask him how old he was, anyhow at his age who cares any more. . . Oh, by THE WAY Max is now 21 plus. . .

Nick Pellagra (B-47th) has just moved into a new home in Belle-

rose, L. I. We are told that it will be open house at all times for all 9th Division men at 88-14 Sabre St., Bellerose, Queens.

George Apar not to be outdone also brought him a few house and now calls home, 330 Fairway Dr., Garden City, L. I. George was with B 47th. . .

Pat Morano, another B Co. 47th man has moved out of the Metro area and is now down Philly way . . . Pat is on a new job for Uncle Sam.

Art Stenzel (B-47th) tells us that the reason we haven't seen Jack DiSanto at recent meetings is that he has a new assignment which has taken him to Burlington, Vermont. All the best "Jake" from the old BECO gang. . .

Vincent Iannucci must be getting old. We noticed that he is too old to dance the Polka. The legs are not what they used to be. Vince has promised to take a five mile hike every 10 years in Van Cortlandt Park to get in shape for these New York dances.

Joseph Levey who served in England and France with the 9th would like to hear from some of his old buddies whom he soldiered with back in 1942-3 and 4.

Al Wadalavage has moved from Elmhurst to 94-30 96th Street, Ozone Park, N.Y.

Victor Singer finally showed up at a New York meeting, his address is 2215 Regina Ave., Far Rockaway, L.I.

Well that is it from New York until next time then 30. . .

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is 305. Ken has two children Ronald and William and he told us that he has two grandchildren. Ken is kept very busy hauling the mail between Springfield and Worcester.

Pat Reale and his wife Katherine and son Edward are now located at Mt. Pleasant Lane, Irvington, N.Y. Pat is in the trucking business. Pat by the way was with 1st Bn. Hqs. of the 47th. A stranger to these affairs was Thomas Beers and his wife. Thomas travelled all the way up from Baltimore, Md. to attend this affair with his entire family. Tom was with the 15th Engineers, his mailing address is 100 Woodlawn Road, Baltimore 10, Md.

Final Dinner

The last final count we checked out was 347, but we know that more guests came in after the dinner started and we can safely say that the dinner attendance was about 375. That gentlemen, is quite an amount of 9th Division people under one roof. Seated at the dias were the following: Father Murphy, Mrs. Campbell and her son Jack, and Mrs. McClatchey, sister and mother of the late Lt. James McClatchey. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Young, father and mother of the late James J. Young, formerly of A Co. 47th; and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Regan, parents of the late Martin F. Shaughnessy, formerly of 60th Inf. Cannon Co., Father Gee, who is working with Father Connors; and Everett Linscott, President of the 9th Inf. Div. Association.

Entertainment

As usual, the choir of the Immaculate Conception Church entertained the group in grand and glorious style. Orlando F. Bruno as always, was there with his vi-



A Boy At Last -

At the Worcester, Mass. Reunion, Don De Wolfe and yours truly were discussing our gals — all of a sudden — Dom turns up his wallet and said, "Look I finally did it — Here's my proof — Beneath the cops uniform, tucked away safe and sound is Dom's pride and joy — Joseph Jay Jr.

This picture is full of pride and it gives us great pride to print Dom and Joseph Jay Jr.

Service Battery 26 F. A.

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Rev. Edward T. Connors, 47 Prescott St., Worcester 5, Mass.

Change your records to read: Hald Wallace, 4510 Pine Street, Belaire, Houston, Texas.

Paul Griffin, East Riverview Manor, Apt. 10, Indian Head, Maryland

Robert F. Porter, Rt. 2 Warren, Penn.

Richard M. Hill Jr., 5th and Maple St., Secret Harbor, San Diego, Calif.

Arnold Leach, 70 Diamond Street, St. Albans, Vermont

Frank Grutzus, 26 Illinois St., Chicago Heights, Ill.

Sgt. Eugene M. Shore, moved, left no address, says the Post Office.

Within the past year Lew Orticiari again went to visit Bernal Lareau and Louie England. He also saw Mrs. Wilcopolski but not Alex. Ed Kral was not at home but he made himself known to Ed's mother. A few weeks ago I had a pleasant visit from Mr. and Mrs. Orticiari. John Murray and Bill Bongiorno arrived a short time later after receiving a call from Lew. Sheriff Leach sent a letter this past summer. He had a surprise visit from Pergi and Albanese. Ross Kepple let me know that he is alive and kicking. Harold Wallace sent a nice letter about his new job and his new home in the great state of Texas. If any of you old Ft. Bragg boys would like to hear from Edwin Theeck (our old cook) write to Harold. He knows how and where to contact the chef.

This year Service Battery should again have many in attendance. Won't you be with us?

Wherever you go to Church on November 6th remember to say an extra prayer for those of us who have gone.

braphones and this year his selections were better than ever. Father Connors then called upon young Matt Wall Jr., who sang like a bird.

Door Prizes

The winners of this year's door prizes were: John Dwyer, Syd Levison and Kenneth Howe.

About 3:55 P.M., the gang then departed back to their homes and families, with the memory of the 10th reunion in Worcester as part of the past. In their minds we are certain is the happy thought that next year they are going to make sure, they will be back.

We Almost Goofed!



But we caught our own mistake last two months.

— while taking a picture of Pat Reale, his wife Katherine, and son Edward, we were talking about addresses — with that a mental flash crossed our minds — Pat's said, "N.Y." — we almost goofed. mail had been sent back for the Now — all is well. . . .

9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.
Post Office Box 66
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Street Address

City Zone State

I was a (Battery member of (Company Regiment 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

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THREE YEAR MEMBER	\$10.00 ()
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(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)

Ladies Auxiliary Member	\$1.50 ()
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60th Infantry History	\$1.00

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